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- ☐ Applicant(s) claim small entity status (37 CFR 1.27).

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- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Amendment/Response with respect to Office Action
- ☐ Amendment/Response After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) (reminder: consider filing a Notice of Appeal)
- ☐ Notice of Appeal
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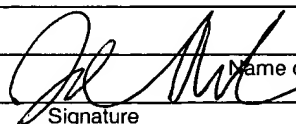
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office action, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which
begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/ Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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